

Extended Kia line-up set to electrify this summer!...



Kia has expanded its electric and hybrid line-up

This year saw the release of new Plug-in Hybrid versions of the all-new Kia XCeed and the stylish and practical Ceed Sportswagon. Each is powered by a 1.6-litre GDI engine combined with an electric motor and 8.9kWh battery pack to produce 139bhp.

Each car has a new closed 'tiger-nose' grille at the front of the car to aid aerodynamic efficiency and features distinct 'eco plug-in' exterior badges. The charging port is integrated into the left front wing of each car.

Both vehicles are equipped with a charging indicator, a visual aid to tell owners that their car is charging or when the battery is fully-charged. The dashboards also feature a new 10.25-inch touchscreen with satellite navigation system, European mapping and a Traffic Messaging Channel. These are linked to a reversing camera integrated with the navigation screen.

It also features Kia Connected Services featuring TomTom® Live. The infotainment system includes DAB radio with MP3 compatibility and Kia's new UVO CONNECT telematics system. UVO CONNECT puts a raft of information at owners' fingertips, including live traffic, weather, and parking availability. The infotainment system allows smartphone users access to both Android Auto™ and Apple CarPlay™, and it is Bluetooth® multi connection-enabled, allowing occupants to connect two mobile devices at once for hands-free phone calls and music streaming.

These two new additions increase the options of Kia electrified models across the range, and they now account for a fifth of all European sales thanks to their low emissions and running costs.

Don't just take our word for it. We asked the North Staffordshire Advanced Drivers to road test The Kia e-Niro and Soul EV. Here's what they thought:

"We are left with the overriding sense that Kia have done a very good job here. They have pitched this vehicle between a medium sized hatch and SUV with a fully electric drive train that is useable in an urban environment and can deliver a fulfilling driving experience on country roads."



Kia e-Niro



The Kia Niro. Available as an electric, self-charging or Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle



The mild hybrid Kia Sportage



The new Kia Ceed Sportswagon PHEV



The Kia Soul EV - Winner of Car of the Year 2020



The new electrified Kia Rio - See page 4 for more details



The new Kia Ceed Sportswagon PHEV

"The performance is, in a word, stunning. With 290lb/ft torque and 200 'horses' you can go from zero to illegal in very short order and in almost complete silence."



Kia Soul EV

In conclusion, Steve Williams, NSAD Chairman said: "Power and handling of both cars was, certainly from my point of view, more than I was perhaps expecting from a full electric vehicle and the range reported by the car was pretty true to the actual distance you could travel, unless you were doing a lot of higher speeds, when it dropped off."